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Dear Judge Kollar-Kotally,

I work for Netscape Communications Corporation, on the Netscape browser product. And I am tired of reading uninformed columns in newspapers and answering uninformed questions from friends about "how Microsoft won the browser war "fair and square". Let's not forget that this is not about the situation \_as it is today\_, it's about \_what Microsoft did that was against the rule of law\_.

Microsoft has repeatedly flouted the law of the land, and for this, they deserve to be punished.

The settlement fails to terminate the Microsoft monopoly, which they have proven time and again to use aggressively and illegally to expand into other markets. What guarantee do we have that Microsoft will not continue to "bolt" new products on to their operating system in the name of "innovation", crushing other fledgeling businesses along the way? How will future innovators protect themselves from Microsoft's entry into a market?

Under this settlement, Microsoft will be only marginally penalized for its illegal behavior. Microsoft \_broke the law\_ -- every court that has reviewed this case has agreed -- but yet it will be allowed to retain the profit from its plunder!

I realize that my viewpoint in this matter is far from objective, but I hope that you'll realize that the fate of consumers, entrepreneurs, companies, and even industries rest in your hands right now. Microsoft has proven time and again that they have no regard for the law. They are a threat to innovation in an industry that has powered the economy for the last ten years, and is likely to be a significant economic force for the next fifty years.

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